THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Some complaints have been received.

(b) Steps taken/proposed to be taken for improving the catering services include modernisation of base kitchens/refreshment rooms, intensive inspections, random sample checks of edible items and action against the contractors or staff responsible for lapses.

Allocation to Bihar for Power Generation

2897. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has demanded more amount to increase power generation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Government of Bihar proposed an outlay of Rs. 423 crores for the power sector (excluding Rural electrification) in their Annual Plan for 1991-92, against which the Planning Commission recommended an outlay of Rs. 437.18 crores at the Working group level.

[English]

New Services Connecting Thiruvanathapuram Airport

2898. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to operate new air services connecting Thiruvananthapuram airport; and

(b) if so, the details of places which are likely to be connected by these new services both on domestic and international sides?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). From its Winter Schedule effective 27th October, 1991, Air India proposes to introduce two additional round trip services one each to Dubai and Muscat.

Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies to Unemployed Graduates

2899. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation for unemployed graduates/sportsmen in the allotment of LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise number of LPG agencies, petrol/diesel retail outlets allotted during the last one year;

(d) if there is no reservation whether the Government propose to make reservations for unemployed graduated/sportsmen; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.